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## **FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

This memorandum is to advise your Board that the Department of Justice (DOJ) has announced State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant awards totaling \$545.7 million for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2002. The County of Los Angeles is receiving a grant award of \$34,040,599 for reimbursement of undocumented criminal alien incarceration costs incurred during the County's 2000-01 fiscal year. Under Federal law, your Board has complete discretion over the use of SCAAP revenue.

This year DOJ accelerated the SCAAP claiming process, resulting in FFY 2002 SCAAP funds being awarded in FFY 2002 rather than next year. When combined with FFY 2001 SCAAP grant awards received in November 2001, the County will receive SCAAP payments totaling \$69,630,499 in the current County fiscal year. The County's FFY 2001 SCAAP payments included \$29,725,299 to reimburse costs incurred in 1999-00 as well as \$5,864,601 to adjust for 1998-99 costs that were not reimbursed by FFY 2000 SCAAP funds. The \$5,864,601 payment was made in response to concerns raised by the County regarding the calculation of the County's FFY 2000 SCAAP award of \$10,643,699, which was significantly lower than in prior years.

DOJ announced that the State of California is receiving an FFY 2002 SCAAP grant award of \$143,000,999, down from \$158,326,999 in FFY 2001. However, because the Federal government has accelerated the payment of SCAAP funds, the State received its FFYs 2001 and 2002 SCAAP grant awards in 2001-02 and should receive its FFY 2003 SCAAP award in 2002-03. The State's combined 2001-02 and 2002-03 SCAAP revenue, therefore, will be higher than assumed in the Governor's proposed 2002-03 Budget.

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We will continue to keep you advised of any new developments.

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